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SUBJECT DANISH INTEREST IN THE GROUP OF TEN

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1. WHEN I CALLED ON FOREIGN MINISTER GULDBERG
DECEMBER 5 THE FIRST SUBJECT HE MENTIONED TO
ME WAS THE DANISH INTEREST IN BECOMING A MEMBER
OF THE G-10 GROUP TO CONSIDER THE FINANCIAL
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PROBLEMS RELATED TO THE OIL CRISIS.HE PUT

IT ON THE BASIS OF THE FACT THAT A GROUP OF THIS NATURE SHOULD NOT EXCLUDE ANY MEMBER OF THE EC WHO WANTED TO JOIN AS DENMARK DID. HE SAID THAT DENMARK HAD POINTED OUT TO ITS EC PARTNERS THAT IT WOULD NOT BE REASONABLE TO PREVENT ANY OF THEM FROM PARTICIPATING IN THIS NEW GROUP. AMONG THESE PARTNERS THE DANES HAD NOTICED "SOME LITTLE RETICENCE" FROM THE FRENCH, WHICH WAS NOT SURPRISING BECAUSE THE FRENCH WERE TRYING TO CARRY OUT A "VERY AMBITIOUS POLICY". THE BRITISH HAVE TOLD THE DANES THAT THEY COULD SUPPORT THEIR MEMBERSHIP, "IF IT DID NOT MEET WITH OBJECTIONS FROM OTHER COUNTRIES". GULDBERG SAID HE INTERPRETED THIS TO MEAN THAT IF THE US DOES NOT AGREE THAT EVERY MEMBER OF THE NINE SHOULD PARTICIPATE IN THE G-10, THEN THE BRITISH AND OTHERS WILL HAVE AN EXCUSE BY WHICH TO KEEP THE DANES OUT. HE SAID THAT IN PRINCIPLE THE DANES WANT TO HAVE EUROPEAN COOPERATION IN THE ENERGY FIELD BUT THEY FEEL STRONGLY THAT THIS COOPERATION MUST INCLUDE ALL INTERESTED EC MEMBERS.

2. KNOWING THAT THIS IS A VERY INVOLVED SUBJECT I DID NOT COMMENT EXCEPT TO LET THE MINISTER KNOW THAT HIS VIEWS WOULD BE PASSED ON. IT WAS CLEAR THAT HE FELT DENMARK WAS BEING TREATED AS A SECOND CLASS PARTNER AFTER IT HAD COOPERATED FULLY WITH US IN GETTING UP THE INTERNATIONAL ENERGY AGENCY.
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